

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on November 18, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor's Announcements

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the Halloween celebration at Mill Creek was a success. East Fishkill Provisions did a great job and do so much for the Town. Election Day was November 2 and he congratulated all those who won the election or reelection. He thanked the voters who came out to vote.

On January 1, Peter Cassidy will become the new Town Clerk and there will be a vacant seat on the Town Board. They will be taking resumes from any resident who wishes to fill that vacancy. They will be accepting resumes until the first quarter of 2022 and they will do interviews and someone will be appointed. Supervisor D'Alessandro attended Dutchess Tourism this month for the annual awards. Several East Fishkill businesses were nominated for awards. Sloop Brewery was the overall winner for the County.

There was a meeting with the Recreation staff this month with the new Recreation Director. Things are going well.

December 5 is the annual Christmas tree lighting at the Community Center. It will be at 5 PM.

Supervisor D'Alessandro has been working with the new Economic Development Director, Pat Manning, on trying to get a stronger identity for the Hamlet. They will both be meeting with the Economic Business Redevelopment Committee next month. Mr. Manning will give a review to the Town Board next month.

There have been meetings for several developers and plans for economic development seems to be working very well.

At the last Town Board meeting the 2022 budget was accepted. East Fishkill has never broken the mandated tax cap including this year. There was a 1% increase which equals approximately a \$10 increase per average home.

Supervisor D'Alessandro sits on the Dutchess County Community Development Advisory Committee. They review grants given out during the year. There will be some changes to the committee for next year.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended today's Rotary meeting. Dr. Bonk, the Superintendent of Wappinger Central School District, was there today to give an overview of what is going on in the district. Starting next year Dr. Bonk will be

attending a Town Board meeting for every town in the Wappinger School District to give an overview of the school district budget.

Roll Call: Supervisor D'Alessandro asked the Town Clerk to call the rolls.

Board Members in attendance:

Peter	Thomas	Emanuele	Anil	Nicolas
Cassidy	Franco	Marinero	Beephan	D'Alessandro

Also in attendance:

Thomas Wood, Attorney; Scott Bryant, Engineer; Mark Pozniak, Comptroller; Chief Bellino, East Fishkill Police Department; Ken Williams, Highway Superintendent.

Public Hearings:

1. Open Public Hearing to Discuss Road Frontage Assessments on Route 52/Palen Road Traffic Improvement Area

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this will be adjourned until the December 9, 2021 meeting.

2. Open Adjourned Public Hearing to Consider Local Law that would Restrict Construction within Floodways

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this will be adjourned until the February 2022 meeting.

3. Open Public Hearing on Opting out of Allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites within the Town of East Fishkill

Motion to open the Public Hearing on opting out of allowing cannabis retail the centuries and on-site consumption sites within the Town of East Fishkill: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Number Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated New York State passed a law last year which stipulated that marijuana sales can be legal and each municipality will be able to decide whether or not the sales and consumption sites within a municipality will be allowed.

Attorney Wood stated that if as of January 1, the Town Board took no action, then it would be permissible to have licensed cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site smoking lounges within the Town of East Fishkill located within the business districts of the town. The state legislature did provide that a town or village government could opt out and not allow either of those two facilities within their borders. In order to do so, they need to adopt the law by December 31 indicating their desire to opt out. By the town opting out, it does not affect the residents' use of the product, it only prohibits the sales and smoking lounges to be established in East Fishkill.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there is a lot of controversy over this law. Personally he feels that there is not enough information on this. If they opt in they cannot opt out at a later date. Attorney Wood stated that was correct. If the town opts in or does nothing there is no legislature currently to allow you to opt out later. If you opt out now, at any time you can choose to repeal that and allow the Town to opt in. Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if this was subject to permissive referendum. Attorney Wood stated yes. He stated if the Town Board adopts this tonight then the Town Clerk will publish a notice of that in the official paper of the Town and post a notice on the official site board. If, within 45 days following the posting of that notice, a petition is received signed by residents of the Town of East Fishkill in a number equal to 5% of the total number of voters in East Fishkill voting in the last gubernatorial election, then the Town would have to hold a Public Referendum to allow all registered voters of the town to vote yes or no on the effectiveness of this law. There would need to be 51% of the voting people to overturn this.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anybody to speak for or against this.

Dana Nalbandian, of 17 Blue Jay Blvd, stated she asked a colleague of hers to come and speak on her behalf regarding this.

Dora Stalantino stated she is the community prevention educator at the Council on Addiction and Prevention and Education in Fishkill. Their goal is to promote drug-free initiatives. She wanted to share some research facts of other communities in states that allow marijuana dispensaries. 13 to 17-year-old youth living close to dispensaries were more likely to report their intention to use marijuana. That comes from the Journal of Health Communication in 2020. Young adults living within a 4-mile radius of the dispensary are more likely to use marijuana and experience more problems related to its use. That is from the Journal of Addictions in 2020. Home prices within a half a mile area of a new dispensary fell by 3 to 4% on average. That is from the Regional Science and Urban Economics. Opioid overdose fatalities have increased in Colorado since legalization. States that have retail marijuana dispensaries have a higher rate of marijuana impaired driving, hospitalizations for marijuana poisoning, and hospitalizations for marijuana dependence. The community's decision to opt out sends a clear message that the community does not endorse getting high for fun. In the 1970s

the THC level was 1 to 3%. In 2009 it was 9.75%. In 2018 it was 14.88%. Today the marijuana plant has a THC level of 18 to 23%. In 2017 the THC concentrates had an average THC potency of 55%. Today many retailers promote and profit from products containing up to 99% THC level. The number of people who used marijuana daily in 2009 was approximately 6,200,000. In 2019 it was 13,800,000. Marijuana is linked to psychosis, anxiety, depression, and suicide. Driving high on marijuana triples the risk of a car accident. In 2010 in Washington traffic fatalities with people who were tested for marijuana were 12.8%, in 2011 it was 13.4%, in 2012 it was 12.5%, 2013 it was 10.8%, in 2014 it was 22.1%. The negative effects of marijuana legalization for kids causes more mayhem on roadways and results in permanent brain damage to kids who use. Kids will lose an average of eight IQ points that will never come back, even after they quit using. Marijuana use before, after, or during pregnancy can cause serious medical conditions including learning problems and birth defects. Marijuana exposure in children under the age of six has increased over 610%. That was published in Clinical Pediatrics. One in six toddlers were hospitalized in Colorado from lung infections and tested positive for marijuana exposure. Marijuana related emergency room visits in teens in Colorado has been on the rise. There is a 50% increase in low birth weights in Colorado among women who use marijuana during pregnancy. Youth marijuana vaping has radically increased. It is not harmless water vapor. The percentage of teenagers who say they had vaped marijuana once or more over the past year has doubled to 7% of eighth graders, 19.4% of ninth and 10th graders and 20% of 12th graders. Board Member Marinaro asked if she had any numbers for Colorado regarding the cost for rehabilitation since the implementation. Ms. Stalantino said she did not, but would be happy to get those numbers for him. Board Member Marinaro asked if she had any idea why New York legislators would pass this law if it is so detrimental to the youth. Ms. Stalantino stated she believes it all comes down to money.

Christopher Tamulonis stated he is glad the Town is opting out. He believes this is a drug that will destroy the town. He stated it is a gateway drug that will create hard users. There is already an opioid epidemic and we don't need to add this to the mix. Even if it could bring in all the tax revenue for the town, it would still not be worth it.

Robert Grasso stated he is glad to see that the Town Board is opting out of this.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone else from the public to speak for or against this. There was no one. He asked if there was any questions or comments from the Town Board.

Board Member Marinaro asked Attorney Wood what the process would be to rescind this. Attorney Wood stated they would have to go through the same process of a hearing and would be subject to a referendum.

Board Member Beephan stated he is interested to see how this will impact

existing businesses when these are allowed in other towns. Everyone was complaining about the smell from the hemp farms and this would be 10 times worse in buildings.

Motion to close the Public Hearing on opting out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites within the Town of East Fishkill. Were Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Local Law No. 5 of 2021

(A LOCAL LAW TO OPT OUT OF ALLOWING CANNABIS RETAIL DISPENSARIES AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER CANNABIS LAW ARTICLE 4)

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption sites in the Town of East Fishkill that would otherwise be allowed under Cannabis Law Article 4.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 which expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law requesting the Cannabis Control Board to prohibit the establishment of cannabis retail dispensary licenses and/or on-site consumption licenses within the jurisdiction of the Town and is subject to a permissive referendum, the procedure of which is governed by Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

Section 3. Local Opt-Out

The Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill hereby opts out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption sites from being established and operated within the Town's jurisdiction.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be deemed by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Permissive Referendum/Referendum on Petition

This local law is subject to a referendum on petition in accordance with Cannabis Law § 131 and the procedure outlined in Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

Section 6. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Motion to adopt the Negative Declaration and the Local Law: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Unsafe Building Hearing:

Open a hearing on an unsafe structure at 16 Fishkill Hook Road

Motion to open the hearing on an unsafe structure at 16 Fishkill Hook Rd.: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was a resolution from December 12, 2019 regarding this residence. They have been given a lot of time for this.

Engineer Bryant stated there have been no repairs on this property and it is further deteriorating. It is a dangerous building.

Attorney Wood stated there the Covid issue over the last two years have slowed things down. They did meet with the owner of the property who alleged that they were going to take steps to demolish and rebuild the structure and that has not happened. The Town Engineer's documents that were filed with the Board in 2019 stand. This is a dangerous structure and if the Board so agrees they can issue an order providing that the building be demolished by the owner. If they fail to do so within 30 days the Town will take bids and have an independent contractor demolished the building and the cost for which will be levied against the property.

Board Member Beephan asked if this was an abandoned property. Engineer Bryant stated yes, it is uninhabitable.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if the property owner for 16 Fishkill Hook Rd. was present. They have been notified. There was no one present. Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any questions or comments from Board members.

Motion to identify 16 Fishkill Hook Road as an unsafe structure: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes:

October 28, 2021
November 4, 2021

Motion to approve the October 28 and November 4, 2021 minutes: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there are a few additions to the agenda. There will be a motion to acknowledge hiring seasonal wing persons, appointing a temporary typists, and accepting new town roads.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone who would wish to speak on agenda items or town items.

County Legislator Steve Caswell stated there have been some amendments to the County Executive's proposed budget. The Learn, Play, Create Grant had four additional East Fishkill groups benefit from it. There will be \$1 million available in next year's budget to continue funding this grant, which is an increase from the original proposal. There is the Agency Partnership Grants that was also amended to add \$1 million for next year for a total of 4 1/2 million dollars. Any organizations with questions can contact him. His e-mail is SMCaswell345@gmail.com.

Robert Grasso voiced concerns about speeding, loud mufflers, and loud music.

Receive and File

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there was nothing.

Resolutions:

1. Recognize the Appointment of a Deputy Town Clerk

RESOLUTION **(APPOINTING A DEPUTY TOWN CLERK)**

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has requested to appoint a second Deputy Town Clerk in her department; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk recommends promoting Caroline Ciaccio to said position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby appoints Caroline Ciaccio to Deputy Town Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said person will be paid pursuant to the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule effective November 29, 2021.

Motion to recognize the appointment of a Deputy Town Clerk: Board Member Beephan. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Authorize retaining Grant Writing Consultant

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH GRANT WRITER)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill wishes to look into a range of grants for the improvement of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has interviewed Michael O'Brien for this purpose; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize a contract with Michael O'Brien as an independent consultant with total payments not to exceed \$22,000.00 per year.

Motion to authorize retaining a grant writing consultant: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Award Design Services to Saratoga Associates for Future Veteran's Park

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE DESIGN SERVICES FOR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK TO SARATOGA ASSOCIATES)

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of constructing a Veteran's Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, a RFP was distributed and we received 3 proposals for such services; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received from Saratoga Associates, Chazen and IQ Landscape Architects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Town officials are authorized to award design services to Saratoga Associates in the amount up to \$34,715

Motion to award the design services to Saratoga Associates for the future Veteran's Park: Board Member Beephan. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Authorize Circulating Intent to be Lead Agency for Four Corners Wells

RESOLUTION-162/2021
(DECLARING INTENT FOR LEAD AGENCY FOR
FOUR CORNERS WATER DISTRICT ADDITIONAL WELLS)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill has determined that the Four Corners Water District is in need for additional water source; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill previously evaluated several alternates for providing additional, reliable water source to the water districts and determined that the proposed Well #5, Well #6, Well #7, and Well #8 could be a possible water source(s). Well #5 was installed in the Summer of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the project will disturb lands adjacent or in the vicinity of NYSDEC wetlands and the NYSDEC has previously responded with guidelines for enabling a well to be authorized for permanent installation and use; and

WHEREAS, a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) has been filed with the Town Board as required by 6 NYCRR §617.6(a)(2) to initiate the mandatory environmental review prescribed by the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will initiate the SEQRA process for the Action contemplated by the Town as set forth in detail below and the Town Board has undertaken an initial review of the Action as required by 6 NYCRR §617.6 of the SEQRA. The Town Board has reviewed the SEQRA list actions and is of the opinion the project is an Unlisted Action and desires to act as Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the Action as an “Unlisted Action” as such term is defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2. The Town Board hereby declares its intention to be Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review of the Action and that the Town’s consultants and employees are hereby authorized to forward appropriate notifications, and any other documents for listings, or other needs identified by various involved agencies; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the prompt transmission of the SEAF with a Lead Agency Intent Notice for the purpose of conducting a coordinated SEQR review. Involved agencies must be agreed upon within 30 calendar days of the date the SEAF is transmitted to them; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town is authorized to execute such documents and take such lawful actions as either such officer may deem convenient, necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the foregoing resolutions, which actions may include without limitation seeking consents from

other involved agencies to the designation of the Town as lead agency with respect to the Action.

Motion to authorize circulating Intent to be Lead Agency for Four Corners Wells: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Authorize Circulating Intent to be Lead Agency for Fishkill Plains Wells #3

RESOLUTION
(DECLARING INTENT FOR LEAD AGENCY FOR FISHKILL PLAINS WATER DISTRICT)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill has determined that the Fishkill Plains Water District is in need for a redundant water source; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill previously installed a 3rd well in the vicinity of the existing well field and the well location is in the vicinity of the wetland or adjacent areas and will be disturbed ; and

WHEREAS, a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) has been filed with the Town Board as required by 6 NYCRR §617.6(a)(2) to initiate the mandatory environmental review prescribed by the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) for the proposed project and this resolution will initiate the SEQRA process for the Action contemplated by the Town as set forth in detail below and the Town Board has reviewed the SEQRA list actions and is of the opinion the project is an Unlisted Action. The Town of East Fishkill desires to act as Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the Action as an “Unlisted Action” as such term is defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2 and the Town Board hereby declares its intention to be Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review of the Action; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town’s consultants and employees are hereby authorized to forward appropriate notifications, and any other documents for listings, or other needs identified by various involved agencies; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the prompt transmission of the SEAF with respect to the Action to all involved agencies, together with a Lead Agency Intent Notice for the purpose of conducting a coordinated SEQR review with respect to the Action and notifying such involved agencies that a lead agency must be agreed upon

within 30 calendar days of the date the SEAF is transmitted to them; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town is authorized to execute such documents and take such lawful actions as either such officer may deem convenient, necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the foregoing resolutions, which actions may include without limitation seeking consents from other involved agencies to the designation of the Town as lead agency with respect to the Action.

Motion to authorize circulating Intent to be Lead Agency for Fishkill Plains Wells #3: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Authorization to Drill Well within Four Corners Wellfield as well as Cannon Wellfield

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE DRILLING NEW WELLS AT FOUR CORNERS AND HOPEWELL HAMLET)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously authorized the Engineering Department or consulting Engineers to design a Request for Proposals document regarding Drilling New Wells at Four Corners and Hopewell Hamlet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a proposal was received from WSP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer has been working with WSP in regards to this matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we drill new wells in the areas that are recommended in our Assistant Town Engineer's attached memo.

Motion to authorize to drill well within Four Corners Wellfield as well as Cannon Wellfield: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried

Additions to the Agenda by Majority Vote (if any):

7. Acknowledge hiring seasonal wing persons

RESOLUTION

(ACKNOWLEDGE THE HIRING OF SEASONAL WINGPERSONS)

WHEREAS, the Highway Department needs Seasonal Wingpersons; and

WHEREAS, it is determined that the Seasonal Wingpersons positions are limited and seasonal; and

WHEREAS, Highway Wingpersons need to be hired at this time per the attached list; and

WHEREAS, all applicants have been interviewed by the Highway Superintendent and recommended to the Town Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Comptroller is hereby authorized to place them on Town payroll as Seasonal Wingpersons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Highway Wingpersons shall be Seasonal employment and that upon completion of their task, they shall be removed from the payroll, unless further ordered by the Town Board.

Motion to acknowledge the hiring of seasonal wing persons in the Highway Departments: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Appointing a temporary typists

RESOLUTION (APPOINTING TEMPORARY TYPISTS)

WHEREAS, the Town has identified the need to hire an additional temporary Typist to assist with clerical functions necessary to operate Town Departments; and

WHEREAS, Human Resources has interviewed a viable candidate and recommends Carl DeMarco to the Town Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby appoints Carl DeMarco to temporary Typist effective December 13, 2021, to be paid at the hourly rate of \$15.38; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, such person shall work at the pleasure of the Town Supervisor in accordance with all the previously established rules and regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, such person will be removed from the payroll upon completion of their task.

Motion to appoint a temporary typists: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Accepting Saxon Woods Court as a Town Road

RESOLUTION **(ACCEPTING SAXON WOODS ROAD)**

WHEREAS, Saxon Woods Road was established as part of the Sprain Brook Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the developer has asked for the road to be accepted as part of the Town road systems; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received comments and recommendations from the Town Engineering and Highway Superintendent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Saxon Woods Road is accepted as a Town road subject to:

- (1) Payment to the Town of \$30,000 towards maintenance costs;
- (2) Completion of repairs set for in a plan by Poval Engineering revised as of October 2021;
- (3) Posting of the maintenance security as required by the Town Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said acceptance will be effective upon the filing of a certification of the Highway Superintendent that all of the conditions have been fulfilled.

Motion to accept Saxon Woods Court as a Town road: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there were none.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Highway Superintendent stated they have started taking down all the hometown hero banners and replacing them with the holiday wreaths. They have been working in the watershed area with the jet vac truck and mini excavator cleaning it out. They have been getting the fleet ready for winter and snow. They have done some pipework on Country Club Road. They have done some tree work in prep for the winter and have also been working with Central Hudson on the same. They are working on pothole repairs and painting is completed for the year. The

Highway Department does not monitor Facebook so if there are issues please contact the Highway Department directly. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Police Chief Bellino stated the two officers in the police academy are doing exceptionally well. They are due to start field training in the beginning of January. There has been numerous larceny of vehicles throughout Dutchess County and East Fishkill Police Department, Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, Dutchess County Sheriff Department, and New York State Police have closed these cases and recovered tons of vehicles. They're doing very well regarding their budget and have started renovations on the second floor. The first floor has been completed.

Board Member Beephan thanked all the recreation staff and volunteers for their help at the Halloween party. He congratulated all of the children who won their costume contests. The annual tree and menorah lighting ceremony will be December 5 at 5 PM at the Community Center. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance this year. The Seniors Seasonal Soirée will be December 10 at the Community Center at 2 PM. Please RSVP by the end of November. He thanked all the first responders, Highway Department, and Police Department for everything they do. He wished Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Board Member Franco thanked the Highway Department for all of their help with the hometown banners. He thanked Gina Grippo, the Supervisor's secretary. She is in charge of all of the hometown hero banners orders. They are still working on the Hometown Connection Project and this weekend they will be having some students going to some seniors homes to do some yard work and volunteering. He thanked Christine Selback for all her work on this project. He thanked all East Fishkill voters.

Board Member Marinaro thanked the community for trusting the Board for another four years. He thanked his wife and family for their help and support. He asked the community to not hesitate to contact the Board if there are any issues. He stated he understands there is a lot of frustration between the community and the school board. A lot of it has to do with the vaccination mandates. There is a committee being created between the mothers and the school board members. He is trying to get communication between parents and the school board more open. He thinks the School Superintendent coming in to address town boards is a great idea. He encouraged local residents looking for jobs to go to local businesses because they are all hurting for help. He wished the whole community a Happy Thanksgiving.

Board Member Cassidy wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He thanked everyone who voted.

Supervisor D'Alessandro reminded everyone of the tree lighting. December 7 will be the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The Manny Bacon post of the American Legion will have a ceremony at the East Fishkill Town Hall at 6:30 PM. He invited all to attend.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 PM: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings: **Voting Meeting:** **December 9, 2021**

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Carol A. Hurray
– November 23, 2021